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IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS, AND
IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD



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In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, the accompanying information is being submitted in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.98, a copy of each of the cited documents, other than the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications, is enclosed.

The document is cited in an Office Action dated October 7, 2008, in a corresponding Japanese application. A copy of the Office Action and an English translation thereof are being submitted herewith.

The documents are being submitted after the close of prosecution but prior to, or concurrently with, the payment of the issue fee, therefore under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d) a statement and the fee of \$ 180 as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) are enclosed.

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